

Bloomfield Record.

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Consolidation in Orange.

The question of re-uniting Orange with East Orange is being actively discussed by the papers in those towns. The East Orange *Gazette* seems to consider it to be the manifest destiny of that town to be joined, either to Newark on the East or Orange on the West, and very sensibly prefers to go with the latter. The Orange *Chronicle*, in an article upon the same subject, says:

"The time may come within the next decade or quarter century when the whole territory east of the Mountain ridge extending to the Passaic river, will be contained in one city; but the carrying out of such a plan at the present time we would look upon as a calamity which, should it become imminent, the citizens of Orange and East Orange should unite and put forth their best efforts to avert. The interests of all the municipalities that fall under the present name of Orange are almost identical at the present moment, and cannot but remain so for many years longer; certainly so long that a union with Newark should only be referred to as one of the possibilities of the remote future, and not looked upon as among the probabilities of to-day. As we have before intimated, it is not for us in Orange to express more than a willingness to become re-united to our neighbor townships on the east and west, leaving it for them to take the active part in bringing about the important step."

At a meeting in Orange, held last Saturday, Messrs. Edward Austin, D. N. Ropes and S. W. Tichenor, of Orange, A. M. Knight, Jas. Peek and J. L. Halsey, of East Orange; Egbert Starr, D. M. Babcock and G. P. Hart were appointed a committee to ascertain the feelings of the people of their respective localities on the subject of consolidation of the Oranges, and to invite a general meeting of leading citizens for the appointment of a conference committee.

A *Tribune* dispatch from Washington on Tuesday announces that Spain has formally agreed to the demands of the United States as set forth in the protocol signed by Secretary Fish and Admiral Polo on Nov. 29, and that the agreement had received the official signatures. This agreement does not differ in any essential particular in its terms from the protocol already printed, except that the time, place, and manner of delivering the Virginians and prisoners of the United States, and the salute to the flag, which had not been settled at the time the protocol was signed, have now been fixed. The Virginians will be delivered to our navy on Christmas Day. The news of the final settlement of the terms of agreement between the two Governments has been forwarded to the Spanish authorities at Havana and the necessary orders given.

Quite a lively debate took place in the House of Representatives on Tuesday on the Salary and Back Pay business. The ball was opened by Mr. Cox, who opposed the bill. Mr. Lawrence delivered a vehement speech against the bill. Mr. Wilson of Indiana made a speech in reply, sustaining the bill, and referring to Mr. Lawrence somewhat severely. The latter attempted to reply but was so beset by one after another with questions that he was thrown off his guard and became greatly excited. Mr. Wilson wound up his speech by declaration in favor of restoring the old rate of pay. Other speeches followed, but they were mostly in a facetious or satirical vein, and cannot be said to have been of any great profit, if indeed creditable to those gentlemen who took part in them.

The Rt. Rev. William E. Armitage, Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Diocese of Wisconsin, died in New York on Sunday last, in the 44th year of his age. He came to the city last week to have a surgical operation performed, having suffered for many years from a virulent tumor. The operation was performed at St. Luke's Hospital on Friday, but was unsuccessful, and Bishop Armitage died on Sunday morning. Around the bed-side at the moment of his death were gathered several clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church. Retaining sufficient strength to speak up to the hour of his death, the Bishop conversed with his friends in a calm tone of voice, although he knew that he was fast departing. His courage did not fail him at any moment, and he died in the full faith of the gospel of Christ.

In Congress.

The Senate has elected Rev. Byron Sundland as its Chaplain, and James R. Young as Executive Clerk.

The Senate Judiciary Committee has decided to report favorably upon the nomination of Mr. George H. Williams for Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. There is little doubt that the Senate will confirm his name.

Mr. Davis will at an early day introduce a bill to restore to newspapers the privileges enjoyed by them prior to the repeal of the franking privilege.

Mr. Cox offered a resolution to recognize the belligerency of Cuba, but the House refused to pass it.

A despatch received by the Navy Department from Commander Allen V. Reed, commanding the United States steamer Kansas, dated Bermudas, Nov. 24, announces the arrival of that vessel there on the evening of Nov. 23. She encountered a heavy sea and violent squalls when about 150 miles to the southward and eastward of Hatteras, and was forced as a matter of safety to keep away before it. She stopped at the Bermudas to get coal, and intended to leave Bermuda on the evening of the 24th.

Concert in Bloomfield.

The quartette from the New York Vocal Society, composed of Messrs. Aiken, Bush, Rockwood and Becket, and also Misses Beebe and Finch, will give one of their concerts in the Presbyterian Church, Bloomfield, on Monday evening, Dec. 15th. To those familiar with the high character of these concerts, it is unnecessary to say anything in praise of such well known artists, for all lovers of music will at once recognize the merit in them for themselves. But to those who have a more limited knowledge of the merits of this quartette, we wish to say a word.

The quartette is composed of some of the very best voices in the New York Vocal Society, who have united to give a few public concerts, more especially in New York, and vicinity, through they have given several in Boston and other places. Those most capable of judging unhesitatingly pronounce their concert the finest entertainment, in a musical way, that has appeared for years. They sing mostly English Glees, and their rendering of this peculiar style of music is simply unequalled. The quartette recently gave a concert in Boston with such pleasing success that they were at once engaged to return, and give another later in the season upon the same subject.

The *Boston Advertiser*, in its comments the next morning, says: "We cannot forego the privilege of expressing our great delight at the wonderful entertainment provided on the occasion by the New York Quartette.

The audience was worthy of the performance, being of the best that Boston can furnish, and we should be well contented if we could give utterance to the sense of keen satisfaction and pleasure which pervaded the entire assemblage. That surprise was mingled with their satisfaction it is necessary if not agreeable to confess. The quality of the singing and the beauty of the music were certainly revelations to most of those who heard it." It also says: "The beauty, expressiveness and grace, of many of these selections are almost beyond description."

It can hardly be necessary to say anything more for all undoubtedly feel that the present concert offers attractions that come very rarely within the reach of our citizens, and we also hope that the public will show a generous appreciation of the enterprise of the Euseine Society in thus securing for us the very best quartette of singers in the country.

Next Year.

We don't see how we could do otherwise than go on and publish *The Record* another year—even were it an uncongenial task. Our business has increased to such an extent as to demand that we have better facilities for printing the paper, and we have recently ordered a new cylinder press to be built and delivered in Bloomfield by Feb. 1st, 1874. The purchase of this press and the enlargement of the paper which is in contemplation will require a considerable outlay, but we are convinced of its necessity and that it will prove a good investment. For nearly a year we have devoted our time closely to the paper itself—which is as really to neglect the matter of pushing forward its circulation, and yet its subscription list has steadily increased. In view of the fact that our expenses will of necessity be considerably increased next year, we propose to make unusual efforts, the present month, to extend our circulation, and hope the people of Bloomfield who have not yet become subscribers will now do so, and thus contribute toward making a thorough and complete success of this enterprise.

The Borrowed Lumber.

Mr. E. Spalding, who is the principal in the case of Spalding vs. Powleson,¹⁹ report of which appeared in this paper last week, wishes to contradict certain statements therein made. We would state that the version given was substantially as publicly made by Mr. Powleson to several gentlemen in the Post Office on Saturday evening, Nov. 29th. The statement which Mr. Spalding desires to make is that the lumber was borrowed not by him, but by a third party, the carpenter or foreman, and who received orders to return the lumber in quantity and quality; that the quantity borrowed by the foreman was about 1800 feet while the amount taken away by Mr. Powleson was over 6,000 feet; that he was notified to return the whole of it. Mr. Spalding not recognizing his right to remove any of it in the way in which it was removed.

These are all the statements which conflict, essentially, with those made by us last week, and the public now have "both sides" of the affair.

The Revival at Watessing.

The great religious interest at the Watessing Methodist church continues apparently unabated, several conversions occurring every evening. This is the sixth week and there have been over 160 who have professed conversion, many of these from a distance—from Newark, Roselle, Orange, Bloomfield, and some from even farther.

The holidays are approaching. Our advertisements are beginning to call attention to their holiday goods and we take pleasure in inviting our readers to supply their wants at the establishments represented in our columns. Messrs. Snyder & Co., next to the Post Office, Newark, make a new announcement this week. Messrs. Marshall & Co. devote a column to their extensive clothing business. Those gentlemen who have ever been to Messrs. Jolley & Co.'s will be sure to go there again, when in want of fine furnishings goods. Benj. Mayo's is the place to find elegant silver ware, cutlery, etc.—But we cannot enumerate all. There are a great many people who habitually read the advertisements in a paper, and then there are some, we are sorry to say, who don't. They miss a great many opportunities to benefit themselves by thus neglecting to get the full value of their money, both from the newspapers and the stores.

ABOUT TOWN.

210 lamps are now lighted in Bloomfield, so we are informed.

The Teachers of the First Presbyterian School propose having a Christmas celebration.

Local politics will soon begin to be agitated. Already a number of candidates are talked of for various offices.

The Bloomfield map of existing streets is approaching completion, at the office of Mr. McComb. It will be finished by Jan. 1st.

The Alderman who looks after things at the Centre has had the Glenwood avenue flagging relaid. It is now much pleasanter to walk upon.

The Humboldt Fire Insurance Company, of Newark, intend next Spring to erect a handsome building in Clinton street, adjoining the Mutual Benefit Insurance building.

If you have any bill you wish to have passed by the Legislature, it is now time to advertise notice of the same, which has to be done six weeks previous to its introduction.

Mr. C. A. Gilbert has recently sold his property in the northern part of the township, known as the "McClony farm," comprising eighteen acres, to Horace S. Squier, of Newark, for \$10,000.

A very good audience was secured for the concert by the Hampton Students, in the Presbyterian Church last evening. It was considered by many that the singing was fully equal to that by the Jubilee Singers, who drew such a large audience in this place last winter.

A large force of mechanics and laborers are at work on the site of the Patent Leather Works, on Franklin street. A block of brick buildings has been commenced, fronting on Franklin street. The old wooden buildings are being taken down, and it is in contemplation to erect in all forty-three brick dwellings.

A change has been made in the arrangement of the Newark & Bloomfield Horse-Cars. The last car leaves corner of Broad and Market streets at half-past ten, P. M., which is half an hour later than heretofore. We are also glad to notice that stoves have been put up in the through cars, which cannot be appreciated by the many patrons of this route.

We have arranged with Mr. William Griffin to do some canvassing for this paper. He is duly authorized to receive money from new or old subscribers. We have no premiums, or suicidal reductions in price to offer, as extra inducements, for new subscriptions. We can only say we expect to make *The Record*, for next year, as good as it has been, and as much better as possible.

Those of our readers who derive pleasure from window gardening, and are desirous of adding to their assortment of plants, should visit the greenhouses of Mr. Raasbach, on Midland avenue. His plants are now in fine order and embrace an almost endless variety. Among them we noticed a few choice double primroses, luxuriant begonias, creeping plants, English and Italian ivies, smilax, etc.

We desire to call attention to the fact that Messrs. Munn, & Cobb, of London and New-York, being about to close the business of their American house, No. 13 Dey street, N. Y., are now offering at retail their entire stock of French clocks and bronzes, which are of the finest importation and comprise the latest and best designs.

The senior member of this house is Mr. Joseph A. Munn, a native and resident of Montclair, and who will be pleased to meet his friends and neighbors of that place and Bloomfield, and offer them bargains in these goods, so appropriate for the approaching holiday season.

On Monday evening last a pleasant reunion took place at Mr. Samuel Moore's residence, on Bloomfield avenue, it being a celebration of the twentieth anniversary of his marriage. Among the numerous guests who were present were Mr. and Mrs. John Hall, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Dodd, also Mr. Walter H. Dodd who twenty years ago had acted as groomsman at the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. M., all of whom were married in the same year by Rev. Mr. Sherwood, then pastor of the Presbyterian church.

The Montclair Library, on FULLERTON AVENUE, NEAR BLOOMFIELD AVE., open daily from 2 to 6 P. M., is a fine building. The library contains over 10,000 volumes, and the reading room is well lighted. The reading room is open to all, and the library is open to all. The library is open to all, and the library is open to all.

Attention is respectfully called to the Drug Store to Board St. opposite the Post Office, which has been fitted up with a select stock of

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